GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS
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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:59
ANSWERED ON:25.07.2001
CELLULAR TELEPHONE
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cellular/mobile telephone subscribers in Jamnagar district of Gujarat and Sivagangaand Ramnad districts of Tamil Nadu at present, separately;

(b) the name of the places where cellular telephone companies are operating with this facility, company-wise;

(c) whether the Government propose to provide cellular telephone facility based on Wireless Local in Loop(WLL) in the costal areas of Sivaganga and Ramnad districts;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the names of cellular telephone company proposed to be provided with cellular telephone facility in each State during 2001-2002, location-wise?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) The licences for Cellular Mobile Telephone Service have been granted for Metro City Service Areas and Telecom Circle Service Areas. The cellular mobile telephone subscribers belong to a complete service areas and not a particular district in the service area even though they might have been registered in a particular district. The number of cellular mobile telephone subscribers as on 30th June, 2001, as reported by Cellular Operators Association of India (COAI) in Gujarat Telecom Circle Service Area is 2,68,083 and Tamil Nadu Telecom Circle Service Area is 2,43,269, which includes the said districts also.

(b) The list of places, where Private Cellular Telephone Service Companies are operating with this facility company-wise, as furnished by COAI,is enclosed as Annexure-I. Apart from this the Service is operational in Delhi and Mumbai by Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL) and in Patna, Hazipur, Barh, Arah, Bihar Sharif and Rajgir cities of Bihar by Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL).

(c) & (d) No, Sir. There is no plan to provide Cellular Mobile Telephone Service based on Wireless in Local Loop by the Government or BSNL in Coastal Areas of Sivaganga and Ramnad Districts.

(e) As per Licence Agreement granted to the private cellular operators, atleast 10% of the District Headquarters will be covered in the first year and 50% of the District Headquarters will be covered within three years of effective date of Licence. The licencees have also been permitted to cover any other town in a District in lieu of District Headquarters. The choice of District Headquarters/town to be covered and further expansion beyond 50% District Headquarters/towns lies with the Licencsecompanies depending on their business decision. The Government does not keep a record of the expansion plan of cellular companies.

ANNEXURE

CELLULAR COVERAGE IN CITIES/TOWNS OF INDIA

(Position as of April '2001)

S.No Circle Operator Name of the SMC's Covered City covered in Lieu of SMC (Name of the SMC) Other cities/towns covered

1 Andhra Pradesh Bharti Mobile Ltd Hyderabad, Visakhapatnam, Eluru, Kakinada, Vijayawada, Tirupathi, Tirumala, Uppal, Kesiguda, Kattedan, Hayatnagar, Pattancheru, Rangareddy, Sanaravaram, Kanakpada, Adavirekkala, Tenali, Rudampada, Vejendla, Penuru, Chebrolu, Dagadarthi, Korur, Kodur, Mypadu, Mathukur, Muchireddy, Palem, Chandragiri, Yadamalapeta, Gajula, Mandyam, Gajaraka, Agnampudi, Kalamudy, Bhimavaram, Amalapuram, Kakinada, Anakapalli, Narsapur, Machilipatnam, Khammam, Guntur, Nellore, Chittoor, Tadepalligundem, Palakollu, Tanuku, Narasaraopeta, Dudivada, Puttaparthi, Suryapet, Adivenda, Undi, Kudaravar, Timapur, Samalkot, Mandapet, Razamkonda, Cherukuruda, Seethanagaram, Medapadu, Nagayaram, Lankalakoderu, Medchal, Lingampally, Kukat Pally, Kapra, Mahadurpura, Ramachandrapuram, (RAMS), Kothapalli, Machupalli, Nizamabad, Warangal, Ongole, Anantpur, Kurnool, Koilgutti, Gugguluru, Tilagmarru, Jutuuru, Kallipedu,Kalpeta, Kuppuru, Chintapuru, Alapadu, I.Mulakaruvu, Kolleru Cherukumilli, Kisrupadu, Dichipalli, Kanipet, Kotipalli, Tanuvapadu, Anguru,Tapeswaram, Adida, Kapileswarum Cuddapah, Karimnagar, Nalgonda

Tata Cellular Ltd. Hyderabad, Vijayanda, Machilipatnam, Guntur, Ongole, Kakinada, Eluru, Vijayawada, Rajahmundry, Tirupathi, Anantapur, Kurnool, Cuddapah, Karimnagar, Nizamabad, Nellore, Chittoor, Nalgonda, Vizianagaram, Khammam, Warangal, Mahabubnagar, Adilabad, Srikakulam Lingampally, Kukatpally, Uppal, Vanasthalipuram, Shamshabad, Medchal, Jeedimetla, Kapra, Hayathnagar, Saraswaram, Hanuman Junction, Tulaparu, Gorakhapatnam, Gudivada, Visakhapatnam, Kakinada, Eluru, Rangareddy, Mangalagiri, Tenali, Narasaraopet, Chilakaluripeta, Repatla, Rajahmundry, Anakapalli, Gajuwaka, Vellamanchili, Payakaraopet, Kalyanapuram, Kavulapalem, Jaggampeta, Nellore, Chittoor, Nalgonda, Vizianagaram, Khammam, Warangal, Cuddapah, Karnool, Anathapur, Ongole, Khammam, Karimnagar, Mahabubnagar, Adilabad, Srikakulam Anantavaram, Tuni, Pithlipuda, Palakollu, Samalkota, Peddapuram, Mikkanilli, Chebrolu, Tadepallipudem, Tanuku, Kovvuru, Vatluru, Atmakuruvam,Undi, Palakollu, Narsapur, Patancheru, Kukatpally, Kapra, Korur, Tirupathi, Chandragiri, Tirumala, Suryapet, Malgonda, Miryalaguda, Chutuppal, Chitpal, Bellimarla, Pichipalli, Ramakonda, Kanipet, Proddatur, Mandyal, Adoni, Guntakal, Prasanthinilayam, Kondapur, Tadpatri, Maddigandu, Wyra, Palvancha.

2 Assam Reliance Telecom Ltd. Guwahati

3 Bihar Reliance Telecom Ltd. Patna, Hajipur, Muzaffur, Gaya, Bhagalpur, Biharsariff, Dangur, Jharia, Chas, Ramnal. Darbhanga, Madhubani, Begusarai, Siwan, Chhapra, Samastipur, Betia, Ranchi, Jamshedpur, Dhanbad, Kharirbag, Hokaro, Motihari, Katihar, Purnia, Saharsa.

4 Calcutta Spice Cell Limited Fully covered (Metro) Usha Martin Telecom Ltd. - do -

5 Chennai RPG Cellular Fully covered (Metro), Maraimalai Nagar Export Promotion Zone, Minnur, Mahabalipuram Skycell Fully covered (Metro)

6 Delhi Bharti Cellular Fully covered (Metro), Ghaziabad, Faridabad, Noida and Gurgaon Sterling Cellular Ltd. Fully covered (Metro), Ghaziabad, Faridabad, Noida and Gurgaon.

7 Gujarat Birla NTAT Comm. Ltd. Ahemdabad, Gandhinagar, Kheda, Anand, Vadodara, Bharuch, Ranvia, Por, Karjan, Kim, Udhna, Pipodara, Dandevi, Chikli, Pardi, Umbada, Dunga,Nadiad, Ankleshwar,Vapi, Umbergaon, Haria, Gandhidham, Nandoli, Khatodhara, Nilkanth, Kadi, Visnagar, Bharuch, Ankleshwar, Vapi, Umbergaon, Haria, Gandhidham, Nandoli, Khatodhara, Nilkanth, Kadi, Visnagar, Dahod, Godra, Kalol, Himatnagar, Modasa, Palanpur, Mehsana, Surendranagar, Rajkot, Jamnagar, Morbi, Amreli, Bhavnagar Aarey, Dhanal, Dabas, Sangadoda, Sri. Nada, Sabari, Limd, Dhanj, Pandwi, Khevna, Vaghodi, Kalol, Dujka, Deesa, Tharad, Halol, Navsari, Silvassa, Porbander, Palanpur, Junagadh Paisel Ltd. Gandhinagar, Ahemdabad, Nadiad, Anand, Vadodara, Bharuch, Kheda, Sachin, Nilkanth, Pardi, Vapi, V.V.Nagar, Chhatral, Kalol, Sanand, Padra, Vaghodiya, Borsad, Ankleshwar, Kim, Palsana, Chandvel, Chikhali, Daman, Silvassa, Gandhidham, Karjan, Shapar, Kandla, Gnja, Nandoli, Changodar, Morbi, Vatva, Kadodra, Kamrej, Nadiad, Adipur, Surat, Valsad, Navsari, Godhra, Dahod, Himatnagar, Vinnagar, Alang, Palej, Ankaj, Nadiad, Umbergaon, Halol, Antali, Virpur, Jetpur, Deesa, Kheda, Nagodhra, Gujla, Limbdi, Chotila, Bhachau, Kapar, Mahudi, Viljapur, Sihore, Wankaner, Dharampur, Vyara, Mehandabad, Bopal, Veraval, Mamasa. Palanpur, Patan, Mehsana, Surendranagar, Rajkot, Jamnagar, Bhuj, Porbander, Junagadh, Amreli, Bhavnagar